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The Honorable John Barrasso, Chair  
Environment & Public Works Committee  
U.S. Senate  
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper, Ranking Member  
Environment & Public Works Committee  
U.S. Senate  
513 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

***Re: Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts Support of legislation "America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018" substitute***

Dear Chairman Barrasso, Ranking Member Carper and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, representing Wyoming's 34 local Conservation Districts, I write to you to express our strong support for the floor substitute of the "America Water Infrastructure Act of 2018".

Wyoming's Conservation Districts are local political subdivisions of state government authorized under §§ 11-16-101 *et. seq.*, and governed by 170 elected district officials. The Districts are charged with the responsibility of providing for the conservation of Wyoming's natural resources through the delivery of technical and program assistance to private landowners and as cooperating agencies with state and federal land management agencies. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, water development, utilization and conservation.

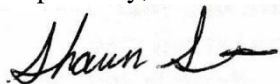
The Conservation Districts, working in conjunction with private landowners, irrigation districts, watershed improvement districts and state and federal agencies are participants in the development of water resources as well as maintenance and improvement of water resource infrastructure.

Water, its development, utilization and conservation is paramount to all activity in the state of Wyoming. Regardless of the use, agriculture, recreation, municipality, industry, etc., it is the number one priority for all quality of life and economic stability.

The “*America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018*” substitute contains important provisions to Wyoming, along with numerous other states. The authorization and work to further ensure the full use of Wyoming’s water resources by for Fontenelle Dam and Reservoir, provisions to address the agency’s ability to be responsive to flooding impacts, such as the significant ice jams experienced in Wyoming and impacting our local communities, as well the establishment of the Board of Appeals for administrative review of “purpose and need determinations” are just a few of the important provisions contained in the legislation.

Overall the Act is important to the maintenance, development and management of our water resources and we thank you for your work in advancing this important Act and the amendments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaun Sims", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shaun Sims  
President

cc: WACD Board of Directors  
Wyoming’s Conservation Districts